

The Church School of Missions



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What Is It?

In the first place, it is something which any church anywhere, of whatsoever size, large or small, can successfully put on, if a little adaptability, patience and determination be used.

In the second place it is probably one of the most effective means of developing a generation of Christians within the church informed and inspired with right Christian attitudes toward other races and nationalities, enthused with missionary zeal and understandings, which the church has so far discovered.

In the third place it is an opportunity for impressing the community with the worthwhileness of the objectives and ministry of the church, such as will enlist the endorsement, support and attendance of that community as few things will.

More exactly, it is a carefully planned and executed teaching enterprise whereby the whole church family, old and young, are brought together once a week over a period of from six to eight weeks, for an evening of fellowship, worship and study in the field of world life and missionary endeavor.

When?

The months of January and February have been found by most churches to be the ideal time for this school. Indeed, some denominations

are setting aside these two months for this purpose, and resting the whole case for the missionary education of their members upon these schools, conducted one night per week for these two months. They feel that the concentrated attention, study, conversation, prayer: the concentration of the whole psychology of the church for these two months upon the great missionary responsibility and achievements of the church will do more toward creating a missionary-minded membership than any other measures they can use.

The evening on which the Midweek Service of the church has been held is the one usually chosen; for thus the devotional emphasis of that evening (still retained as a part of the Church School of Missions) will be an enrichment and aid to spiritual study; and the study, for its part, will aid and give practical significance to the devotions.

How?

For those who are acquainted with the Church Training Night idea, it will be sufficient simply to say that the Church School of Missions is conducted exactly the same as a Church Training Night series, except that instead of engaging in many different lines of study as is done on Church Training Nights, in a Church School of Missions everyone, all classes, old and young, study some phase of Missions. Graded textbook materials are available for all ages, written by able and fascinating writers.

The details of the preparation for a Church School of missions are so similar to those for a Church Training Night that the following suggestions are almost identical with those we make in our Church Training Night Manual.

In general it should be said that we recommend that the *Church Training Night* series be held in the Fall and early Winter, before Christmas; and that the months of January and February be reserved for the annual *Church School of Missions*. Many churches then follow this latter with another series of Church Training Nights, after Easter.

I. Sociability

No matter at what time you have the supper, or start your classes, there needs to be at least a brief time for sociability: gathering in, greetings, introductions, etc. Our church members need to know each other better; to have a warm, friendly, human interest in each other, as well as in those in other places or distant lands; to be really a family. Appoint a committee on greeting, welcoming and introducing those who come. Perhaps the same committee might have charge of a certain amount of fun and "pep" features during the supper hour; or, the latter function may be left to one gifted worker.

II. The Supper

There is good scriptural basis for the breaking of bread together as a means of aiding Christian fellowship, spirituality, and service. And of course, if we wish to have the whole family come to this Church School of Missions, we must make it possible for all members of the family to come direct from the office, store, farm, factory, school, etc., without going home first for supper.

We unhesitatingly advise the use of the supper as an important factor contributing to the success of the School.

On the other hand the supper is not absolutely necessary. Some churches do not use it; or use it only once a month, or on the opening and the closing nights of a series.

When the supper is served, it should be served as nearly at cost as possible. No effort should be made to make a profit out of it, nor to get people to come to the supper who do not expect to stay to the devotional and study periods.

Distribute the work of serving the suppers as widely as possible; perhaps having one organization, unit, society, etc., be responsible for an evening, and then not be called upon again for some time.

Those who prepare and serve the meal should not have to wash the dishes. Hire this done, and put the cost into the price of the meal.

Serve promptly and permit no delay in coming to the next division of the program. Starting late, and delay in schedule, will wreck the best program ever planned. Do not wait for any distinguished visitor or speaker who may not yet have arrived. Start the supper on time and let him arrive when he gets there! He will understand that things must move off on time.

Three Types. One of three methods of providing the supper usually prevails:

1. *Picnic.* In this case, each family brings its own food. Coffee, sugar and cream are provided at the church, a special collection being taken at some time to cover this expense.
2. *Covered Dish.* When this plan is used, each family brings one hot dish; a surprise element always being that no one knows what the other is to bring: which has interesting possibilities! Bread and butter, possibly pickles, coffee, sugar and cream are furnished at the church, and a ten cent collection taken to cover same. So that even if there should prove to be an over abundance of meat-pie, escalloped potatoes, etc., these other items will help out.
3. *Supper Served at Church.* Where this plan is used the food is generally all bought by the committee in charge, prepared and served at the church, sometimes cafeteria style, sometimes at the tables, and a nominal sum is charged to cover expenses. It is quite important that the supper shall not be turned into a money-making affair. The usual charge has been from twenty to thirty-five cents. In some of the larger churches, the church secretary or other employed staff member does all the buying.

The essentials as to the meal are that it shall be simple yet adequate, and that arrangements for serving shall be such that the used dishes and, if necessary, the tables can be quickly removed.

How One Church Does It:

1. A general chairman of suppers is appointed.
2. The general chairman appoints a sub-chairman to take charge of each supper.
3. The sub-chairman secures ten women to assist in preparing the meal.
4. Another committee appointed by the sub-chairman arrives at 4:30 to set the tables and assist in the serving of the meal.

After the supper, persons paid for their services attend to the washing of the dishes and put things in order for the next week.

From the beginning, the dinner has been self-supporting. Everything is purchased, nothing solicited. The price was put at twenty-five cents at first, but was raised to thirty-five cents to provide a little margin. Dinner is served on the cafeteria plan and, serving two lines at once, they are able to care for two hundred people in thirty minutes. Ten are seated at a table to preserve the family idea.

III. The Devotional Period

The devotional period affords an exceptional opportunity. It is a generally observed fact that drawn by the program of a Church School of Missions many members of the community who have been more or less strangers to the activities of the church are now to be found in the midweek service. Likewise, numbers of those already members of the church who attend the other services but whom the midweek service heretofore has never touched are reached by the specialized and interesting program.

Their presence constitutes an opportunity to minister in a very positive way to their spiritual life. It is not necessary that the attempt be made to say here just how this is to be done. This is the midweek hour of prayer and it should be so ordered. And the wide horizons of the whole world may well be brought within the scope of the prayers.

IV. The Study Period

At the heart of any successful Church School of Missions are the courses to be studied. Experience seems to demonstrate that the more seriously these courses are taken, the more successful these evenings will be in every way. Where the study phase of the work is neglected and a slipshod or easy way out chosen, or simply the getting of crowds and much show is striven for, enthusiasm eventually wanes. Such methods do not give real values; they miss the whole point of the great educational opportunity; and even though crowds may be obtained for one series, it will be increasingly difficult to get them out for a subsequent School.

1. What shall be studied? This will vary from year to year. But the following general courses may be offered:

Home Missions: with a number of different classes graded to the different age-groups.

Foreign Missions: with graded classes for all ages.

The History of Christian Missions, both Home and Foreign.

Studies of the life, customs and needs of different races or nations of the world.

The Christian attitude toward war (It has been said that if one more great war breaks out between Christian nations, we might as well close up our Mission stations around the world).

Christianity and the Racial Conflict.

The inherently missionary nature of Christianity—with the Bible as the principal text.

The Study Courses of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

The Study Courses of the Women's Home Missionary Society.

The Missionary Task in the light of the changed present-day conditions.

Men's Forums on such subjects as World Trade and Missions; Commercial Imperialism and Missions; International Diplomacy and Missions.

What line of definite projects can our church undertake to support at home and abroad, such as will enlist the interest and allegiance of all classes and age-groups?

Culmination of study, a week of demonstration of a Parish-wide plan of Missionary Education (See John C. Archer's, "A New Approach to Missionary Education," Methodist Book Concern.)

Whatever courses are offered, be sure to develop a program which provides for all the various age-groups of the church. Do not forget the younger boys and girls who will attend. Many churches provide missionary story-telling groups for the young children. We do not urge bringing out the very young children for these mid-week evenings, for obvious reasons. But there will always be some present, if their parents are to be able to attend; and if enough are likely to be present some kind of nursery provision should be made for them. In the case of a one-room church possibly a near-by home can be turned into a nursery for the evening.

2. The Faculty, or Corps of Teachers. This is another point at which considerable care and selective effort should be invested. Get the very best leadership available, not only in your church but in your community, for these classes. It is surprising how outstanding leaders will gladly respond to invitations to teach a class in such a limited series of lessons who would not think of agreeing to teach throughout the year. College Professors, University Presidents, Deans of Theological Seminaries, or Professors therein, Superintendents of Schools, Principals of High Schools, Christian

Athletic Coaches, distinguished Surgeons and leading Physicians, Christian Businessmen or Labor Leaders: all these have actually led such courses in different churches.

But if, for any reason, these are not available the mistake should not be made of giving up the educational values of the Church School of Missions. Take the best leadership in sight, and go ahead in faith. As one has well said, "We must begin with the community where we find it. The longer we delay this beginning the farther away we shall put the day when we shall have the leadership we need."

Having selected your teachers, give them a chance. Keep the classes small. One can *lecture* to a group of one, two, or three hundred: but he cannot really *teach* that many. Classes of from eight, in younger ages, to twenty or even thirty older ones, assure the best results.

Have the physical surroundings such as will be conducive to study, with warm rooms in winter, with blackboards as far as possible, good light, and clean rooms. Even in the case of the one-room church it is possible to have four classes facing the corners, where they shall have the least distraction from each other. Movable screens also may help out, as will a movable blackboard or so.

Urge the students to have their own text books for marking and study.

When preparing for study class work, we should set the standard just as high as possible, after having taken due care to grade the work to the particular qualifications, educationally and otherwise, of the community we seek to serve.

Suggest to your teachers that they do not do much lecturing (the poorest of all educational methods), but endeavor to turn their classes into vital discussion groups. There is value for the pastor in this same suggestion!

V. Length of Series

Experience seems to indicate that the best results are secured by running the series for a definite period of time: as for six, eight or ten weeks, rather than attempt to organize for longer periods.

Suggestions for graded missionary materials for all ages, from childhood to maturity, may be had free by writing to the Department of Missionary Education, 740 Rush St., Chicago, Illinois.

VI. Closing Period

Many churches prefer not to have any general session at the close of the class study period, believing that members of the classes should go home with the matters they have studied fresh in their minds. They feel that anything introduced after the class periods tends to dull or drive out of the mind these impressions.

Other churches however use a closing period for any one of the following purposes:

Entertainment.

Devotions.

General Instruction.

A religious pageant or drama.

Readings, debates, humorous plays, music.

Outside speakers for short addresses on subjects related to community life, the world wide work of the church, etc.

Presentation of missions through stereopticon or motion pictures.

A happy closing through a sing, in which the finest of old and modern songs and hymns are used.

A chance to sum up the work of the evening and glance forward to the next Night.

VII. Advance Information and Publicity

This is the point at which the success or failure of your Church School of Missions will largely be determined. It is possible to outline a splendid series of courses to be offered, secure good teachers, and have all other details well cared for; and yet fail to get the people whom you would teach into these classes.

There are a few steps which if taken wisely and energetically will aid in getting the enterprise off on the right foot.

1. It is a good thing to have a Committee on the Church School of Missions, to counsel with the Pastor (and Director of Religious Education, where a church employs one), and share the responsibility for all arrangements.

2. Appoint a Registrar who shall receive registrations and look after the many details connected with class rolls, etc. Some large churches have both a Registrar and a Dean or Director of the school.

3. Begin making announcements about it some time in advance, from the pulpit and in the church service-calendar or bulletin, where the latter exists.

4. Many churches get out printed announcements, giving lists of courses to be taught, who will teach them, the hours for the supper, the hours of class-study, etc. Then at the bottom of the announcement is a blank for signing up, checking the class for which registration is made. The best way to assure a large attendance is get the largest possible number signed up in advance.

5. Some pastors and Directors plan a set-up supper and rally, a week in advance of the opening of the series. This rally supper is made just as attractive and happy and full of life as possible. At a given time in it the pastor or other chosen leader explains the whole proposition, what it may mean to the members, the church and the whole community: and cards are passed out containing information as to the courses offered, with blanks for signing up right there. This has proved a most successful method of launching a Church School of Missions.

6. Take the entire matter seriously. If it is worth doing at all it is worth doing well. And a good expenditure of time and effort in getting the series adequately planned for and launched will clear the way for a much easier working schedule afterward.

A Typical Program

The following Program Schedule of the Church School of Missions, which they carried on under the general title of Church Training Night,

A Typical Program

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

7:30 to 7:45—Comedy or Educational Picture.
 7:45 to 8:10—Sing and Devotions.
 8:20 to 8:50—Group or Class Study.
 9:00 to 9:30—Lincoln Motion Pictures.

GROUPS OR CLASSES

Adults—

Study, **THE MOSLEM FACES THE FUTURE**.
 Place, The Church Parlor.
 Leaders, Mr. Edwin B. Gelder
 Mr. George W. Colegrove
 Mr. S. G. Houghton

Seniors—From 15 to 20 years of age.

Study, **YOUNG ISLAM ON TREK**.
 Place, Brotherhood Room.
 Leaders, Mr. Sidney E. Ayres
 Mr. Carroll C. Daniels
 Mr. Frank L. Swann

Intermediates—From 12 to 15 years of age.

Study, **LANDS OF THE MINARET**.
 Place, Berean Room.
 Leaders, Miss Elizabeth Deighton
 Mrs. Hattie Cole
 Mrs. Lucy Fox

Juniors—From 9 to 12 years of age.

Study, **FRIENDS OF THE CARAVAN TRAILS**.
 Place, The House Class Room.
 Leaders, Mrs. S. G. Houghton
 Mrs. S. E. Ayres
 Miss Louise Hemenway

Primary—Up to 9 years of age.

Study, **MUSA, A SON OF EGYPT**.
 Place, Primary Room.
 Leaders, Mrs. Thad. Purdy
 Miss Jennie Gelder
 Miss Grace Wilcox
 Mrs. Leon Ansley

The text books are 60 cents each for Adults and Seniors and 50 cents each for others.

PROGRAM DATES

All dates are Thursday evening. The program will begin at 7:30 with an Educational or Comedy motion picture. This is particularly for the boys and girls.

The closing picture each evening will be Chapin's "Life of Lincoln." His life story is told in the twenty reels that will be shown. Two reels will be shown each evening. Each two reels are complete in themselves.

Dec. 2—Comedy, "Baseball at Mudville." Lincoln picture, "MY MOTHER."

Dec. 16—Educational, "Aloha Land, Hawaii." Lincoln picture, "MY FATHER."

Dec. 30—Comedy, "The General." Lincoln picture, "THE CALL TO ARMS."

Jan. 13—Travel, "Romance of a Lemon." Lincoln picture, "MY FIRST JURY."

Jan. 27—Comedy, "Camping." Lincoln picture "TENDER MEMORIES."

Feb. 10—Educational, "The Grand Canyon." Lincoln picture, "A PRESIDENT'S ANSWER."

Feb. 24—Comedy, "A Slick Detective." Lincoln picture, "MY NATIVE STATE."

Mar. 10—Travel, "The Apache Trail." Lincoln picture, "UNDER THE STARS."

Mar. 24—Comedy, "Napoleon and Sally." Lincoln picture, "THE SLAVE AUCTION."

Mar. 31—Comedy, "Fancy Fooling Father." Lincoln picture, "DOWN THE RIVER."

Get an enrollment card and fill it in and hand to any of the Directors or Leaders.
 Keep this folder for reference.

*Two inside pages of a small four-paged folder gotten out by the
 Penn Yan Methodist Episcopal Church*

was carried through by the Methodist Episcopal Church at Penn Yan, N. Y. Note the careful planning at all points. Formerly they used the supper idea, but experimented this year upon omitting it; hence their evening hour, which would otherwise begin at six or six-thirty, does not begin until 7:30.

Pastor S. G. Houghton of this church says:

"I would not know how to run a church without the use of such a program. . . .

You cannot do much for folks unless you can get them out; and such evenings get them folks out, and then you can get the program over with them, and the information to them. . . . The enrollment was 227; the average attendance, in spite of some very stormy weather, was 152. One of the outstanding things about the work was the fine cooperation of the officers and teachers. . . . I had an average attendance of 22 of these. Which meant that every group was well manned every night.

I wish you could have seen the usually about one hundred young people every night, eager and interested, asking questions and preparing assigned work on Mohammedanism, in a way that was wonderful. The Adult group also did a great piece of work. It was a most successful program."

Which goes to show that careful planning and preparation, plus some good hard work, will get results.

Part II.

How One Church Has Done It

One of the main values of a brief booklet like this is achieved through placing the experience of a pastor or pastors who have given time and effort to experimentation in local churches, at the disposal of their fellow pastors throughout the denomination. Many churches are now carrying on successful Church Schools of Missions. One of the most successful pieces of such work has been achieved by the Reverend Paul Rugg, Chillicothe, Ohio. In a town of 15,000, with two Methodist Episcopal churches and the usual number of other Protestant and Catholic churches, Mr. Rugg has succeeded in gripping the attention of the press and the entire com-

munity and the surrounding country with his Church School of Missions; which however, as his story indicates, he has entitled Church Training Night. An average attendance of three hundred on the Mid-week Service night, where at an ordinary mid-week service there would have been not more than twenty or thirty present, is significant in itself. The writer had the privilege of visiting Mr. Rugg's church on one of these Church School of Missions evenings; and was impressed at once by the fineness of the spirit and fellowship in the school, the well-organized classes ably led, and the working atmosphere everywhere in evidence.

So we have asked Mr. Rugg if he would kindly tell us briefly about this Church School of Missions work as he has been carrying it on there in the Walnut Street Methodist Episcopal Church at Chillicothe, Ohio. The following is Mr. Rugg's story in his own words, which we illustrate with a few pictures to make matters clearer:

Walnut Street, Chillicothe, Ohio

An average attendance of three hundred over a period of ten weeks makes a Church School of Missions worth planning for. Then if you can get those who seldom or never came before into a devotional service—if you can get them to engage in study under competent teachers for ten nights—if you can bring them together for some genuinely helpful social and educational programs—that's even more so . . .

We called ours a Church Training Night. But the name is relatively immaterial. The question is, of course, what you give the people after you get them there. We gave them, along with certain entertainment and cultural features, inspiration and information calculated to develop a greater world vision. Next time we plan to call our program a Church School of Missions. The name is changed to add variety.

I have been asked to discuss our method not because it is perfect but because it was thought there might be in it some things suggestive to others interested in doing a similar piece of business.

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The Hadyn String Quartet appeared last night in the Walnut Street M. E. church. The Columbus musicians presented two groups both of which were excellent.

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HAYDN STRING QUARTET GAVE FINE PROGRAM

The Haydn string quartet Columbus, gave an unusual treat to Chillicotheans, last evening when they gave a short concert in the Sunday school room of the Walnut Street church, before a large audience which filled the room. The quartet, which was organized by Mrs. Vera Wagner Downing in 1921, is composed of Mrs. Downing, first violin; Miss Elsie Henkenroff, second violin; J. Howard Sher, viola; Miss Elsie Rohe, cellist.

They gave a musical pro
of the highest quality and
was enjoyed by
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**SUCCESS MARKS
TRAINING WORK**

TRAINING.
Large Crowd on Hand for Wednesday Night Classes—Church Folk Given Lesson

Folk Given Lesson

More than 175 were out for the Wednesday night church training course at the Walnut Street M. E. church last night. Over 200 were present at the closing period of the department. E. P. Johnston of the Madison unit gave the closing speech at the service.

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CHURCH TRAINING NIGHTS AT WALNUT STREET CHURCH

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GOOD ADDRESS

W. E. J. Gratz, Head of Epworth
Herald Upholds Young Folks
In Church Training Talk
Second of the eight

Walnut Street M. E. church Wednesday evening with an attendance of almost one hundred and fifty.

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**CHURCH TRAINING NIGHT
AT WALNUT STREET**

Especially enjoyed was the closing period of church training night at Walnut Street M. E. church, last evening, the fifth in a series of church training sessions, for at this time, the play from Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, students from the department oratory at Ohio Wesleyan, presented the clever and fact fantasy, "The Maker of Facts."

The production, which was directed by the faculty of the oratory department, was very fine and the cast of characters was made up of three students, Ralph Singlehardt of Massillon, Harry Holcombe of Athens, and Imo Milbury of Plain City. There were three characters, Pierrot, Pierrette and the Manufacturer.

TRAINING PLAN IS LAUNCHED

Walnut Street M. E. Church Ar- ranges Series of Eight Week- ly Meetings

Launching a series of weekly meetings, known as Church Training Night, the Walnut St. M. E. church will hold the first of eight such gatherings at the church Wednesday evening Feb. 3.

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Those who are prone to condemn the younger generation as responsible for much of the lawlessness and backsliding of the country today were handed a veritable tartar by Dr. W. E. J. Gratz, who spoke at the Walnut street M. E. Church during the production, which was dictated by the faculty of the oratory department, was very fine and the cast of characters was made up of three students, Ralph Englehardt of Massillon, Harry Holcombe of Athens, and Imo Kilbury of Plain City. There were three characters, Pierrot, Pierrette and the Manufacturer.

The school catches the attention of the local press.

In General

The Church School of Missions has been used with great success by the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches for some time now. It is only recently, however, that the Methodist Church has undertaken to promote what might be termed distinctly Church Schools of Missions. We have called ours Church Training Nights, Church Family Nights, Church Institutes and so forth.

But, as has been indicated, the Church School of Missions is the same thing as our Church Training Night with the difference that the main emphasis throughout the entire program is laid upon the development of a larger world vision.

The Walnut Street Plan

We have had a series of these training nights in missions for the past two years. Previous to that the plan had never been tried here. Year before last we had a series of eight nights with an average attendance of approximately two hundred. This past year we had ten nights with an average attendance of three hundred.

The program which we put on last year is given in full on page 17. It was built around the regular mid-week prayer service. As will be noticed we began each evening at six, with a dinner served at cost. Then came the Devotional Period at six forty-five. Then the study classes which ran from seven fifteen to eight five. And finally we closed each evening with some special feature—social, cultural, or entertaining in nature.

The Dinner

The dinner was served at cost by the Ladies Aid as a contribution to the work of the Church. Because so many had come the first year that it was difficult to care for them we limited the number who might attend the dinners to one hundred and forty-five. We started out to make it one twenty-five but had to increase. Season tickets in the form of coupon

Walnut Street Church Training Night



There are only two more nights in our series of Church Training Nights. If you have not attended them, you cannot know what you have been missing. This Wednesday night. Popular Praise Service at 6:40 P.M. Special Feature at 8:06 P.M. In the Closing Period head of the Department of Political Science at Denison dress us. This will be one of the most important features to hear Prof. West this Wednesday evening. Make

Church Training Night Dinners

Walnut Street Methodist
Episcopal Church

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These suppers are not for the general public but for all who join in the Training Night Program

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Walnut Street Methodist Episcopal Church

CHILLICOTHE, OHIO

PAUL RUGG, Minister

Ten Wednesday Nights, February 2 to April 6, 1927

GENERAL PROGRAM

6:30 P.M.—Good Fellowship Supper. Served by the Ladies Aid in the dining room. These suppers are not for the general public but for all who join in the Training Night Program.

6:45 P.M.—Popular Praise Service, with special music, and devotional study by the minister.

7:15 to 8:05 P.M.—Study Classes. Open to all who enroll. No fee

1 Primary Picture Stories—for children 6 to 8 years of age

Leader, Miss Sylvia Stone

Pictures and other helps will be used to make the stories interesting and permanent in the child mind.

2 Better Americans—for boys and girls 9 to 11 years of age

Leader, Miss Marie Haynes

Ten evenings of worship, discussion, dramatizations, and service activities showing what boys and girls may do to make America better

3 Lands of the Minaret—for those 12 to 14 years of age

Leader, Mrs. Pryor Harcourt

A course on various phases of Muslim life with interesting and helpful dramatizations, service activities, and worship periods.

4 Young Islam on Trek—for those 15, 16 and 17 years of age

Leader, Miss Isabelle Enderton

Ten nights in Mohammedan countries, noting the effects produced by the impact of Western civilization and the release of new spiritual forces.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS

5 The Advancing Church—for those 16 to 24 years of age

Leader, Mr. John Linton

Beginning with the romantic days of Abury this course will carry on through the various phases of our Methodist ministry down to the present day.

6 A Methodist Church and Its Work. Leader, Prof. J. L. Fortney

Suggestive: helpful study of Methodism, its spirit, purpose, organization and forms of activity.

7 Great Characters of the New Testament

Leader, Mr. W. A. Yagle

An attractive, interesting introduction to the great men and women of the New Testament.

8 The Advancing Church—for those 16 to 24 years of age

Leader, Prof. John Smith

A vital important course for adults on the work that Methodism is doing throughout the entire United States.

9 Christian Fellowship Among the Nations

Leader, Miss Diathia Scholl

A thought provoking discussion of the outstanding problems now confronting the nations of the world, such as war, race relations, industry, etc.

6:10 to 8:00 P.M.—General Assembly and Special Feature.

Each evening, as last year, we will close with a cultural, social or entertainment feature. During the course we will have among others:

Mrs. Dan Brummitt of Chicago, The "College of Leaders"; Miss Josephine Roberts of Columbus, Prof. L. C. Crump of Ohio Wesleyan University, Dr. C. P. Harzgrave, a social evening, "A Complete Surprise" Selections from Faust and "The Trysting Place" a one act play

W. S. Board of Chicago, The "Wednesday Players" for a return engagement, etc. Dates will be announced as series progresses.

The Program, as above, for our second Church Training Night series offers us a course in every respect at least the equal of that given last year—you may find it better. Every one is urged to enroll in one of the classes, to secure a text-book if available and to interest others.

For the convenience of all, text-books may be ordered on the enrollment blanks or thru the leader of the course selected. No text-books are available for courses 1, 2, 3 and 9. For the other courses books may be secured as follows: "Young Islam on Trek" by Basil Mathews, paper 50 cents; cloth \$1.00; "The Advancing Church" by Edward Laid Mill, paper, 50 cents; cloth 75 cents; "A Methodist Church and Its Work" by Tappan and Kerr, 80 cents; "Great Characters of the New Testament" by Doremas A. Hayes, 75 cents

Please enroll me in Class No. _____

Name _____

I desire a text book _____ (Insert name of text here)

Small printed text: FEBRUARY 2, 1927

DO NOT MISS HEARING
Miss Mildred Moody
of Chicago
who will be the speaker in the
Walnut Street
Church Training Night
evening, March Tenth

come and bring your friends to the
Service 6:45 P. M.
Classes 7:15 P. M.
Lecture 8:05 P. M.
to the church this Wednesday evening. The
prepared a program you will not want to miss
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Church Training Nite
one out this final night—certainly
one, enjoyable program. This
time, March the twenty-fourth
the Easter program "Dawnbreak"
be made up. If so that
idea of what you have been
enjoy yourself!



"The MAKER of DREAMS"

A One Act Play

by Oliphant Down

will be presented by

"The WESLEYAN PLAYERS"

at the

"Walnut Street Church Training Night"

this Wednesday Evening, M

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Perhaps you have missed the last time Church Training Night

Don't miss this one. Come this Wednesday

"AN EVENING OF FRIENDS"

Publicity. Using postcards, dinner coupons, announcement dodgers.

books, (copy is shown on page 17) were sold before the series opened. The cost was three dollars for the series or thirty cents per dinner. One hundred and forty-two season tickets were sold before the program opened.

Though the work was hard the women entered into it with fine spirit because they saw the value. On the last night the prevailing sentiment seemed to be—"Well, it's been hard work but we're sorry it's over. We've met so many people. We've gotten so much better acquainted. It's been a great thing for the church."

The Devotional Period

This period, which we called our Popular Praise Service, was held right at the tables immediately after dinner. This was really the mid-week prayer service altho we did not call it that. We had congregational singing, prayer, perhaps a solo, a scripture lesson, and a brief talk. The talk was usually given by the minister. One of the finest things about this part of the program was that we reached with a distinctly devotional service and message many whom we would have touched in no other way. Many came in for this period who did not attend the dinners.

The Study Classes

The Study periods were fifty minutes in length. The instructors were all trained teachers. All of them with the exception of one, were then teaching in our public schools. And that one had been a teacher. We had as instructors, four grade school teachers, two high school professors, the principal of the high school, and the county superintendent of schools. They consented to serve quite readily when they saw we were trying to do a genuinely educational piece of work.

The courses were all graded. The subjects were as indicated on the printed announcements to be found on page 17. For group one, two and three we used teaching materials prepared by the Missionary Education Movement. As will be noted we had two courses in "The Advancing



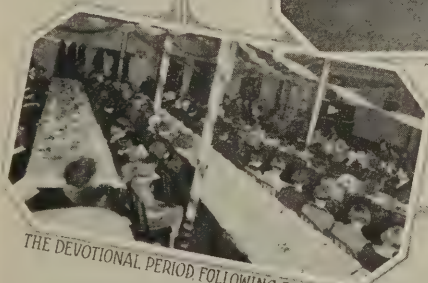
STUDY



CLASSES



THE CLOSING PERIOD



THE DEVOTIONAL PERIOD FOLLOWING DINNER HOUR



STORY TELLING FOR LITTLE ONES

Church," one for young people, the other for adults. Then in addition to the above, there was a course in the New Testament, and in "A Methodist Church and Its Work" and a third in "Christian Fellowship Among the Nations." All for young people and adults. As will be noted the major emphasis throughout was upon mission study.

This coming year we plan to offer the following courses:

1. *Indian Playmates In Navajo Land*—by Ethel M. Baader for Children 6 to 8 years of age.
2. *The Upward Climb*—a Course in Negro Achievement by Sara Estelle Haskins, for boys and girls 9 to 11 years of age.
3. *Young Japan*—by Mabel Gardner Kirschner for those 12 to 14 years of age.
4. *The Story of Missions*—by Edwin E. White for young people 15 to 17 years of age.
5. *New Paths for Old Purposes*—by Margaret E. Burton for young people 18 to 24 years of age.
6. *The Christ of the Indian Road*—by E. Stanley Jones for Adults.

We are working out our plans for these classes now.

The Closing

As I said above we closed with something in the nature of a special feature each evening. These were lectures, social programs, entertainments etc., but we had something very definitely in mind that we wanted to accomplish through the use of these closing periods. They were arranged so as to attract, inform, inspire, and altogether round out the entire program.

The planning of these closing periods meant a great deal of hard work. We had to begin ten or twelve months ahead in order to get just the things we wanted, but they were worth it. We are arranging those for next year now.

Results

As to results. The most of them of course were intangible. And as regards most of them my judgment in the matter will have to be accepted.

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH, New Rochelle, N. Y. FEB.-MARCH 1927

Rev ARTHUR E HARRIMAN, D.D., Minister

CLASS GROUPS	BOOKS	February 23	March 2	March 9	March 16	March 23	March 30
Adult—Men Wed. 8 P. M.	"The Second Century of Baptist Foreign Missions" by William B. Lippard	Dr. Harriman	Dr. Harriman	Dr. Harriman	Dr. Harriman	Dr. Harriman	Dr. Harriman
Adult—Women Wed. 8 P. M.	"The Baptist Family in Foreign Mission Fields" by Nellie G. Prescott	Mrs. W. A. Hill	Mrs. W. A. Hill	Mrs. W. A. Hill	Mrs. W. A. Hill	Mrs. W. A. Hill	Mrs. W. A. Hill
Special Young People Wed. 8 P. M.	"The Story of Missions" by Edwin A. White	Mrs. J. A. Clarke	Mrs. J. A. Clarke	Mrs. J. A. Clarke	Mrs. J. A. Clarke	Mrs. J. A. Clarke	Mrs. J. A. Clarke
Men's Class Sun. 9:45 A. M.	"God's Dynamite" by P. H. J. Lerrigo	February 20 Dr. Harriman	February 27 Dr. Harriman	March 6 Dr. Harriman	March 13 Dr. Harriman	March 20 Dr. Harriman	March 27 Dr. Harriman
Senior Young People (C. E. Group) Sun. 6:45 P. M.	"Early Baptist Missionaries and Pioneers" by W. S. Stewart	Mrs. W. S. Johnson	Mrs. W. S. Johnson	Mrs. W. S. Johnson	Mrs. W. S. Johnson	Mrs. W. S. Johnson	Mrs. W. S. Johnson
Intermediate Young People (I. C. E.) Sun. 6:45 P. M.	"Missionary Heroes Course" by Floyd L. Carr	Miss F. W. Sumner	Miss F. W. Sumner	Miss F. W. Sumner	Miss F. W. Sumner	Miss F. W. Sumner	Miss F. W. Sumner
SPECIAL FEATURES	February 13—8 P. M. Stereopticon Lecture "The Baptist Family in Foreign Mission Fields"	February 20, 11 A.M. Missionary Address William P. Lippard, Author	8 P. M. "The Bible a Missionary Book"	8 P. M. "An Evening with Missionary Hymns"	8 P. M. "An Evening with Missionary Pictures"	8 P. M. "An Evening with a Missionary Pioneer"	March 27, 11 A.M. Missionary Address Dr. Howard B. Grose, Editor
Boys' and Girls' Story Sermon Sun. 11 A. M.		"The Savages of Tanna" Dr. Harriman	"Falling a Tiger" Dr. Harriman	"Returning Stolen Property" Dr. Harriman	"Medical Missionary Heroes" Dr. Harriman	"A Jungle Experience" Dr. Harriman	"Encountering a Ten-foot Serpent" Dr. Harriman

In the above schedule of classes which is taken from an attractively printed booklet by the Salem Baptist Church, it will be noted that only three study groups are carried on during the week-night meetings of the school, but that an intensified schedule is made use of as well for each Sunday included in the period.

I am sure these programs have greatly stimulated the entire life of the Church. The young people were very much interested. Many new members entered the church who, I am certain, came in as a result of these programs. World Service giving has increased by about a thousand dollars over the figures of two years ago. The Church is becoming interested in a broader and more aggressive program. The people are beginning to talk of a new recreational and educational building, a minister of education, and the possibility of entering into a larger parish plan.

These are but surface indications. As to the deeper effects on character development, the broader outlook, the educational advance made, these will not be apparent for a number of years. And of course, some of the finest results can never be tabulated. But I am certain they are there. It could not be otherwise.

For these and many other reasons not stated I say without qualification that these programs constitute some of the finest and most satisfying pieces of work with which I have had anything to do. Because of them and because of what I have seen in studying similar programs throughout our own and other denominations I am convinced that every church would derive large and valuable benefits from putting on a carefully planned Church School of Missions. At least it is worth the thoughtful consideration of every church.

PAUL RUGG, Chillicothe, Ohio.

Final Word

We could go on and extend this little brochure indefinitely giving the testimonies of pastors of all types of church, from those with but one room and almost no equipment, and with scarcely half a hundred members, on up to the great Metropolitan centers, showing the practicability and value of the Church School of Missions.

When Bishop H. Lester Smith was Pastor of our great Central Church in Detroit, Michigan, he conducted His Church School of Missions on Sunday afternoon and evening; having a light supper at 5:30, followed by

classes until seven o'clock. Then came his evening service at 7:30 P. M. Certain conditions of the crowded city life, and the long distances from the church of many of the homes, made Sunday evening the best time for that church to get this work done.

Where there is a will there is a way.

Courses Available

The subjects for study upon which our church unites change from year to year. By dropping a post-card request to the Department of Missionary Education, 740 Rush Street, Chicago, Ill., you will receive without charge a pamphlet giving the complete information about courses to be studied this year, with lists of materials graded to all ages, from the kindergarten to adults.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has no more important task than that of building up within her membership a world-minded, informed, and missionary-spirited generation of Christians, after the pattern of Him whom they own as Lord. What can your church do to perform its share of the task? What kind of training will your children, young people and older people receive this year?

What shall be the Master's verdict concerning your church's handling of its sacred stewardship of life?

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